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RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 7 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Be Thou our vision, O Lord of our hearts.

Nothing else matters to us, save that You are.

You are our best thought, by day or by night.

Waking or sleeping, Your presence our light.

Be Thou our wisdom, Yours our true word.

We ever with You, and You with us, Lord.

You and You always, first in our heart.

O, king of glory, our treasure Thou art.

In You, O Lord, is any victory won.

Rule in us, reign in us, Thy will be done.

Heart of our own hearts, whatever befall.

Still be our vision, O Ruler of all.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. CROW) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CROW led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

(Mr. CROW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize Jewish Family Services and join them in celebrating their 150th anniversary.

From their founding in 1872, Jewish Family Services has always adapted to meet the moment time and time again. They helped resettle Holocaust survivors in the wake of World War II, opened a group home for individuals with disabilities in the 1980s, and formed an employment services department in 2021.

In the last year alone, Jewish Family Services helped over 25,000 individuals stand strong against COVID-19 and even became a temporary Afghan refugee resettlement agency for Afghans looking to start new lives in the Denver metro area.

For 150 years, our community has been made a better and more inclusive place to live because of the thousands of volunteers who have pulled upon their faith to serve our community and improve the lives of others.

I congratulate and thank Jewish Family Services for their service to our community and look forward to what the next 150 years will bring.

PRESIDENT ZELENSKY'S MESSAGE TO RUSSIAN TROOPS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, during a Monday address to the Ukrainian people, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy made a direct appeal to soldiers of Russia, asking: "... why should you die?"

Zelensky said: "We hear what you really think about this senseless war" Then telling those who surrender: "... we will treat you the way people are supposed to be treated" and "... not how you are being treated in your army."

Today, Putin declared war on the Russian people. His call for self-cleansing is a repeat of the murderous Stalinists purges leading to Soviet Socialist nonpersons who disappeared.

Today, I will be offering legislation for expedited refugee status to America for defecting members of the Duma, diplomatic personnel, and Russian Government officials.

This reinforces the bipartisan legislation for Russian military defectors for expedited refugee status to America. The defectors who turn over equipment to Ukraine will receive up to \$100,000.

I also have a bill in Congress for a bust of President Zelenskyy to be placed in the U.S. Capitol.

God bless Ukraine. God save Ukraine. Long live President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

HONORING GEORGE NETTELS

(Mr. LATURNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LATURNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of George Nettels. A Pittsburg, Kansas, native and U.S. Army veteran, George attended Pittsburg High School, graduated from the University of Kansas, had a successful career in the private sector, and went on to serve as the chair of the Kansas Republican Party.

At a time when many Americans in their fifties would start to slow down, George was just speeding up. George and his wife, Josie, lived a full life of travel and adventure and raised a beautiful family. To top it all off, at the age of 84, George joined his grandson Jack in a 10,000-foot tandem jump.

Beyond teaching me important lessons about being grateful for those that help you, George has personally inspired me and many others to live a life of service to others. That is what George did. Whether it was the community of Pittsburg, southeast Kansas, the State of Kansas, or our great Nation, George put the well-being of others before himself.

INFLATION'S IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, rising gas prices and skyrocketing inflation are having major impacts on small businesses. In Hico, Texas, Mark Chapman of the Chapman Cattle Company said it best: "We see smaller revenue and return on our products when the prices of gas increase, and it may be the death of small businesses, ranchers, and farmers, as we know it."

Chapman Cattle Company is one of the many small businesses that are struggling to keep up with record-high gas prices due to President Biden's anti-energy agenda.

Democrats continue to ignore Main Street's plea to get gas prices down and inflation under control. Small businesses weathered tough economic conditions throughout the pandemic only to be met with Biden's Green New Deal agenda that threatens everybody in all communities forever.

I will continue to fight for small businesses, work to get the government out of our lives, and let the free market compete and do great things.

In God we trust.

RECOGNIZING DR. GREGORY WILLIAMS

(Mr. PFLUGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PFLUGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a dedicated leader in the Permian Basin, Odessa College president Dr. Gregory Williams.

Dr. Williams began his educational career in 1983 as a student at Odessa College, later attending the University